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SUBJECT: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. FULL TEXT OF SECTION ON EAST AFRICA IN SECRETARY' S
1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL
19 FOLLOWS PARA. 2.

2. QUOTE: EAST AFRICA

" FOR THE MOST PART, LAST YEAR WAS MARKED BY POLITICAL
STABILITY IN THE NATIONS OF EAST AFRICA AND BY PROGRESS
TOWARD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

" IN 1972 KENYA CONTINUED ITS REMARKABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.
ACKNOWLEDGING KENYA' S RISING STATURE IN INTERNATIONAL
FORUMS, THE UNITED NATIONS VOTED TO DESIGNATE NAIROBI AS
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THE SITE OF THE U. N. HUMAN ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT.
KENYA IS ALSO EXPECTED TO SUCCEED SOMALIA ON THE SECURITY

COUNCIL. IN ZAMBIA THE MAJOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS THE MOVEMENT TOWARD A ONE-PARTY STATE. ACTING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION, THE ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED LEGISLATION TO INAUGURATE A ONE-PARTY SYSTEM OF 'PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY.'

" SECURITY PROBLEMS WITHIN UGANDA HAVE AFFECTED AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING THERE. OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH IMPINGED ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY WERE ANTI-JEWISH STATEMENTS BY UGANDAN OFFICIALS AND THE ABRUPT EXPULSION OF NONCITIZEN ASIANS FROM THE COUNTRY. PRESIDENT IDI AMIN HAS INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL COMPENSATE THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO APPARENTLY WERE KILLED IN UGANDA IN 1971. THE ADVERSE SECURITY SITUATION WHICH PREVAILED IN UGANDA FOR A GOOD PART OF 1972 WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER AND SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE UNITED STATES CAUTIONED ITS CITIZENS ON TRAVEL TO UGANDA. NO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS REMAIN IN UGANDA, THE BULK OF THEM HAVING REQUESTED TO LEAVE BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PERFORM THEIR JOBS ADEQUATELY IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY SITUATION. AS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE STATELESS ASIANS WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM UGANDA, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORIZED ADMISSION OF 1,000 ASIANS INTO THIS COUNTRY.

" INTRA-STATE RELATIONS IN EAST AFRICA SHOWED PLUSES AND MINUSES DURING THE YEAR. AN INVASION BY UGANDAN REFUGEES LIVING IN TANZANIA AND SUPPORTING FORMER PRESIDENT OBOTE LED TO FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN UGANDA. ALTHOUGH THE REBEL FORCE WAS QUICKLY REPULSED, RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA CONTINUE TO BE SERIOUSLY STRAINED.

" ON THE PLUS SIDE, MALAWI'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS SHOWED SIGNS OF WARMING AFTER EXCHANGES OF MINISTERIAL VISITS BETWEEN MALAWI AND BOTH ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA. THE DEPARTURE FROM MALAWI TO ZAMBIA OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF CITIZENS OF MALAWI BELONGING TO THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES TEMPORARILY CREATED A REFUGEE PROBLEM. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, HOWEVER, THEY HAD RETURNED TO MALAWI. THERE ARE ALSO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MALAWI AND HER NEIGHBORS ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE. MALAWI, WHICH SUPPORTS A POLICY OF DIALOGUE AND CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHILE DEPLORING APARTHEID, LAST JULY WELCOMED SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT FOUCHE- THE VISIT WAS MADE TO RETURN A

SIMILAR VISIT IN 1971 BY PRESIDENT BANDA TO PRETORIA.

" ECONOMIC TIES: U. S. ECONOMIC TIES WITH EAST AFRICA REMAIN STRONG. OUR TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE HIGHEST IN KENYA AND EXPECTED TO EXPAND FURTHER. EACH YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF U. S. TOURISTS VISIT EAST AFRICA, PRIMARILY KENYA AND TANZANIA. THE UNITED STATES HAS ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN KENYA AND TANZANIA, WITH EACH COUNTRY RECEIVING ABOUT DOLS. 2 MILLION WORTH OF SUCH AID ANNUALLY. U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, COMPOSED OF KENYA, UGANDA, AND TANZANIA, AMOUNTS TO SLIGHTLY OVER DOLS. 1 MILLION. WE ARE HOPEFUL, AS ARE THE COMMUNITY'S MEMBERS, THAT THEIR COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY ITSELF WILL BE PRESERVED, DESPITE THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TANZANIAN AND UGANDAN GOVERNMENTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPANDED ITS MODEST ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN MALAWI BY GRANTING A DOLS. 1.5 MILLION LOAN FOR DORMITORIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI. IN TANZANIA, WORK IS PROCEEDING ON THE U. S.- FINANCED PORTIONS OF THE GREAT NORTH ROAD LINKING DAR ES SALAAM AND LUSAKA. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING SUBSTANTIAL PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN KENYA AND MALAWI.

" AS PART OF OUR WIDER POLICY TO FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE CONTINUING EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAMS WITH EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES. LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF KENYAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. IN THE FALL, MEMBERS OF THE RULING TANZANIAN POLITICAL PARTY AND THE TANZANIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION CAME TO THE UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

" THERE ARE A FEW DIFFERENCES WITH SOME OF THE STATES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EAST AFRICA ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THREE OF THESE STATES, WHICH HAVE COMMON BORDERS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN NATIONS, HAVE ALSO WISHED US TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN OPPOSING APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND UNILATERAL INDEPENDENCE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. WHILE WE AGREE WITH THE GOALS OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND RACIAL EQUALITY, WE HAVE TRIED TO DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION THAT CHANGE SHOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

" CHINA'S MAJOR TANZAM RAILWAY PROJECT IN TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION IN 1974. MEANWHILE, THE TANZAM HIGHWAY, OR GREAT NORTH ROAD, FINANCED BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN DONORS, PROVIDES ZAMBIA WITH AN IMPORTANT LINK TO THE SEA

THROUGH TANZANIA. THE HIGHWAY ALREADY CARRIES ALMOST A THIRD OF ZAMBIA' S EXPORTS."

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL NOTE THAT REPORT COVERS ONLY CY 1972 AND DOES NOT COVER RECENT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS (ZAMBIA- RHODESIA BORDER CLOSURE, AID WITHDRAWAL IN UGANDA). IF POSTS RECEIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LACK OF COVERAGE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, THEY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT NECESSITY FOR EDITING AND PRINTING PROCESS REQUIRED HARD CUTOFF DATE AFTER WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO REVISE REPORT TO REFLECT MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. ROGERS

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